

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CARAVAN CLUB, CHESHIRE CENTRE, HELD AT CHESHIRE VIEW CHESTER ON SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Chairman on behalf of Secretary:**

Called meeting to order.

The Chairman then addressed the members with the following, as you can see, Glenis, the Centre Secretary is absent from the stage. The constant complaints the committee have received from the same small number of ralliers over the last 12 months have taken its toll on her and therefore, she has decided in the interests of her health that it would be unwise to face these disruptive individuals here today.

The Chairman asked Ron Heywood how many ballot slips had been distributed.  
49 ballot slips

**Chairman:**

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen, providing that there are no objections; we will remain seated on the stage throughout the meeting". Just a little house keeping before we start, just to remind everyone, there is no smoking in the hall today and that includes E cigarettes of all kinds. The fire exits, emergency exits are to my right at the front of the hall, to my left at the back of the hall and also the main entrance at the back.

As you are all aware 49 voting slips have been issued today for the Secretary role.

If you wish to speak at today's meeting your name will have to be on the proof which was at the door when you came in to the hall, if your name is not on the proof you are welcome to stay and observe the meeting but of course not speak, if you wish to speak please indentify yourself clearly for the minutes and wait for the roving microphone to be passed to you.

Item 1: We welcome you to The Cheshire View Masonic Hall at Christleton today Saturday 14th September 2019. The Notice Convening the Meeting, together with the Agenda can be found on page 47 of this year's Centre Rally Brochure."

"May we take the notice convening the meeting as read?"

Hand vote: Those in favour: Unanimous  
Those against: None

Item 2: **Chairman's Welcome**

"Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. May I extend to you all a warm welcome to the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Cheshire Centre of The Caravan and Motorhome Club? It is pleasing to see some of you this afternoon interested in the running and future wellbeing of the Centre.

Unfortunately not all of our friends and fellow ralliers can be with us today, so as a mark of respect I would like to take a moment of reflection through a minute's silence. Thank You.

May I remind you that only Centre Members, Family Members and Joint Members whose centre registration has been confirmed with the Secretary in accordance with Centre Guidance version 2019 are entitled to speak? Can I ask that those wishing to speak announce your name clearly before making your point?"

Item 3: **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence have been received from:

Jimmy and Trish Shaw  
Chris and Anj Haig  
Imelda and Andy Lowe  
Nick and Jan Trickett-Bell  
Sam and Phil Shaw  
Val and John Whittaker  
Pauline and Alan Wildgoose  
Dave and Jane Dale  
Chris Ansell  
Brian and Janet McMurray  
Linda and Tony Smith  
Steve and Joan Benson  
Sheena and John Waterworth  
Yvonne and Steve Hardcastle  
Gill and Brian Burrows

Item 4: **Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting**

"The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting have been distributed to members entering the hall today. May I ask for a Proposer and a Seconder that the Minutes be accepted as a true record?"

Proposer: Pam page

Seconder: Peter Johnson

Can I have a show of hands that the membership is in agreement?"

Hand vote: Those in favour: Unanimous  
Those against: None

Item 5: **Matters Arising**

"Are there any other matters arising from the previous Minutes?"

No matters arising.

Item 6: **Chairman's Report**

Welcome to my second Chairman's report.

This year has been challenging with a great deal of my time, along with that of the committee, spent dealing with numerous vexatious complaints from the same very small number of centre members. I have had to spend many hours on the phone and reply to numerous e-mails and letters explaining our centre's rules to the CAMC. We, as a committee, have had to devote a great deal of time during committee meetings, and even hold additional meetings, to try and keep up with the continual issues raised directly with the CAMC from these individuals. Indeed, this persistent disruption to the normal running of the centre is why a number of this year's committee have decided to stand down, which is a great shame as we have all really gelled as a team.

At the start of the committee year, I, along with the committee, had to answer questions from last year's AGM, this was done and the replies sent to the centre members who had asked them. One question that I feel needs clarification is the question on our fund holding. As you may or may not know, the centre underwrites all centre rallies. If the weather forced us to cancel our Christmas and New Year Rallies at the last minute, as has happened in the past during a recent Easter weekend, the centre would have to return the rally fees, rally officer expenditure and money to the landowners. Last year that would have added up to £18,571.

We continually have to update and replace centre equipment. This year we have purchased additional safety lights, replacement rally signs, replacement batten lights for gazebos and new boiler bags which has cost £252.84. We have also purchased a replacement trophy for the Winnington Park Fun Run as the original one from 1973 is looking a little worn.

In the total we also have £7,624.28 in rally deposits, which will obviously need to be paid out when rally officers require it. Towards the end of the year this figure is greatly reduced when the Christmas and New Year rallies are organised.

We also have money for the Celebration rally from sponsors in the total, so now hopefully you know the reason why we hold £29,541.69 in our bank account.

A concerned rallier and experienced rally officer identified problems he had faced when recovering large heavy outfits from rally fields. The committee have decided on the following information to ralliers: It must be understood that not all venues are suitable for all types of vehicle; enquiries should be made before attending a rally to ensure you will be able to access and recover yourself from the venue in the case of inclement weather.

Earlier in the year the company we used to secure access to part of the centre's web site went into liquidation, this required us to find another provider. The new company allows individuals to reset their own password and for the administrator to monitor ralliers membership details. It also allows for secure transactions, which may assist the centre in the future.

Following a suggestion from a rallier, Dave Dale, the committee have decided to give something back to the ralliers in the centre's 50th year. Ralliers who support the 50th Celebration Rally will automatically be entered into a raffle with two £500 and ten £50 cash prizes for the lucky winners. Each time you attend a Cheshire rally, you can earn an additional entry into the raffle. Hopefully, you have all seen the forms and have been getting rally chairmen to sign them, thereby increasing your chances of winning.

And, on the subject of the 50th Celebration Rally, in-between the normal day to day running of the centre, we have all been working very hard planning the weekend; we have the live acts booked for Saturday and Sunday along with many other attractions for all ages; it should be a brilliant rally. You will be able to book the rally later today. As a trial, you will be able to book the 50th Celebration rally on line, or by the more traditional method of cheque and paper form if you prefer. It would be great to see you all there.

Closer to home the Children's Christmas Party rally was a great success, the Children's Sports competition where well over a 100 different children entered the races during the summer months remains very popular. Winning the Welsh National Visitor's Cup for the fourth year in succession was brilliant. Many of our rallies have been full during the year which is fantastic when so many other centres are struggling to organise two rallies a month.

I have really enjoyed my second year and it has been a privilege to be your Chairman.

I would like to thank my committee who have been brilliant, their enthusiasm, dedication and hard work have been really impressive. To the Rally Officers who have made our weekends possible, a huge thank you, you are brilliant. To the ralliers who

have represented me as rally chairman, thank you. To you the ralliers who have continued to be supportive in my second year, again thanks, it has meant a lot to me. And to Andrea who has had to put up with all of the meetings, both on and off the rally field, a huge thank you.

And lastly, I would like to thank the ralliers who have given ducks to Andrea either as presents or those mysterious folk who have placed them in her 'duck pond' outside the van.

And that ladies and gentlemen ends my second chairman's report.

May I have a Proposer and Secunder that my report be accepted as accurate?

Proposer: Martyn Shaw

Secunder: John White

"Are there any questions regarding my Chairman's Report?"

No questions

**Chairman:**

"May I now have a show of hands from the floor on the adoption of my Report?"

Hand vote: Those in favour: Unanimous

Those against: None

Item 7: **Honorary Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Report 2018

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen. In my report, I will present the Centres accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

Copies of the accounts were available as you entered the hall & I hope you have all got a copy. The Accounts have been drawn up in the same format as previous years which are those laid down by the Caravan & Motorhome Club.

This year we are trialling a power point presentation which will hopefully give you a better understanding of the figures, as I move around the pages a little but hope this will not detract from the substance of the report. You can either follow them on the hard copy of the accounts or on the screen at the front. Just the accounts pages are numbered in the account's booklet. I would like you to turn to the pages 1 and 2

where you will find the balance sheet & pages 3 and 4 where you will find the income and expenditure account of the senior section for the year.

The following items can be found mainly on page 3 of the accounts.

Net Income on rallies is down by £786 it was £2,279 for 2017 and is £1,493 for 2018.

Contributions from Rallies shows a decrease of £316 you will not see this in the accounts booklet as this is a separate calculation. The main reason for the contributions being down is I have asked rally officers to donate any excess centre contribution to the children's Christmas party fund and they have been happy to do this.

Overall our total income after rally expenses was £4,102 compared to £5,283 in 2017.

Prizes & Trophies costs which have increased to £206 from £199 in 2017 this includes silver salvers awards for rally officers & sports awards.

Now to page 4 of the accounts.

Committee expenses were up this year to £628 from £374 in 2017.

Bullock & Woodburn costs for the 2018 accounts are down to £654 this is for preparing the accounts, they also audit the figures but the fee for this service is met by the Caravan & Motorhome Club to whom they report. You will find a copy of their report just before page 1 of the accounts.

Overall our expenditure totalled £3,283 leaving us with a net surplus of £819. The net surplus is lower in 2018 than it was in 2017, the 2017 figure was £2,628 and some of this can be attributed to the fact that our advertising income was down, and our income from rallies was down.

We should bear in mind that these accounts are lower than the true cost of running the centre, because your committee claim back none, of the expenses that they personally incur, this is the reason it is important to make at least the minimum contribution.

Page 5 shows the Juniors results for 2018 and they have a deficit of £21, this is an excellent result as they have funded lots of things, every year they have gone from strength to strength, well done to all the team.

The results of the two sections is added to the net assets of the centre and this is reflected in our balance sheet which is on page 2 there you will see we have total assets of £33,764 of which £3,277 belongs to our Junior section.

The 2018 accounts are continuing in a healthy position as predicted and the main reason for this is we no longer have the large printing and postage costs that we have had in the past with the rally brochure, however we need to be mindful that the growth from 2017 to 2018 is lower. (2017 growth was £2,656, 2018 is £798.

This now concludes my report. Are there any questions?

No questions were asked

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the rally officers for their support and for getting their accounts to me on time, which makes my job so much easier.

I would also like to thank my fellow committee members for their continuing support.

I would like to say thank you to Andy for the help he has given me when I have had IT issues and also for the help in preparing the PowerPoint presentation today, we hope you have found this useful.

Having completed my fourth year as Treasurer, the job is a lot clearer but still presents some things I have not come across before and still takes up many hours. On that note, I would like to say a special thank you to Paul for supporting me and without his help I would not have been able to spend all the hours I have.

Thank you

**Chairman:**

“Please may I have somebody to move the adoption of the accounts:

Proposer: Colin Day

Secunder: Trevor Little

**Chairman:**

“Are there now any questions on the Treasurers Report?”

None

**Chairman:**

“May I now have a show of hands from the floor on the adoption of this Report?”

Hand vote: Those in favour: unanimous

Those against: none

### **Chairman**

I will now present our retiring 2018/201 Officers and committee with their year plaques, but first I will ask Paul Bedworth to present my chairman's plaque.

Chairman: Andy Gibbs

Vice Chairman: Paul Bedworth  
Nick Rae

Secretary: Glenis Chesterson

Treasurer: Sandra Bowler

Rally Secretary: Rob Daniels

Committee: Paul Bowler  
Barry Chesterson  
Tom Dale  
Colin Day  
Jonathan Nagle  
Kev Patterson  
Ken Stowell-Smith  
Pete Taylor  
Sue Williams

Item 8: **Elections**

**The Secretary received the following nominations:** (In the absence of the Secretary the Chairman actioned this section of the meeting)

#### **8 (a) Chairman**

The Secretary received 1 nomination for the position of Chairman, that being Andy Gibbs, therefore I declare myself duly elected.

Nick Rae presented Andy Gibbs with his Badge and Plaque

#### **8 (b) Vice Chairman**

The Secretary received 1 nomination for the position of Vice Chairman, that being Nick Rae, therefore I duly declare him elected.



Chairman presents Nick Rae with Badge and Plaque

**8 (c) Secretary**

The Secretary received 2 nominations for the position of Secretary, that being Will Shirley and Judith Williams.

Please use the yellow ballot slip and place a cross next to your preferred candidate. Then place the slip into the ballot boxes that will be coming round shortly.

Chairman invited the new secretary to the stage  
Chairman presents Will Shirley with his Badge and Plaque

**8 (d) Treasurer**

The secretary received 1 nomination for the position of Treasurer, that being Mrs, Sandra Bowler, who is duly elected.

Chairman presents Sandra Bowler with her Badge and Plaque

**8 (e) Rally Secretary**

The secretary received 1 nomination for the position of Rally Secretary that being Rob Daniels therefore I declare him duly elected.

The Chairman presents Rob Daniels with his Badge and Plaque

**8 (f)** The Secretary received 7 nominations for Centre Committee therefore it is not necessary to have an election.

At this point the Chairman presented Sue and Derek Martin with clock in celebration of reaching 1600 rallies.

I declare the following 7 people, are elected as the Committee for 2019/20. As I call out your name, please will you make your way forward to the stage so that the meeting may identify you and to receive your committee plaques and badges from myself (Centre Chairman).

Paul Bowler  
Tom Dale  
Colin Day  
Jonathan Nagle  
Kevin Patterson

Sue Williams  
Judith Williams  
Margaret Farrow

**Chairman:**

Unfortunately, with only one nomination for the Junior Committee, the Senior Committee has decided to suspend the Junior Committee until further notice. A very sad day. This will be the first time in 50 years that Cheshire Centre will be without a Junior Committee.

Item 9: **Approval of Auditors**

**Treasurer:**

“My recommendation to the Committee will be Messrs. J. Bullock and WOODBURN.”

Moved:

Proposer: Paul Bowler

Seconded: Pet Wall

**Chairman:**

Hand vote: Those in favour:

Those against: 1

A member raised a question regarding the proposer being a family member of the Treasurer and the legality of Paul Bowler proposing the auditors. It was confirmed and approved that this would be acceptable by the CAMC.

Item 10: **Motions Received:**

There have been no motions declared this year.

Item 11: **Any Other Business.**

**No other business**

Peter Johnson on behalf of Cheshire Centre thanked the Junior Committee for doing a fantastic job for the members. He thanked the Adult Senior Committee for a magnificent job. Everyone had done a fantastic job running events and planning, giving up a lot of time to make it happen. He wished the New Committee and new Secretary the very best for the future and he asked the members to try and help the Committee to make it work. Some would class a problem idiotic, the Committee wish to get these resolved. Some have their own ideas of how things should be run, do democratically and Cheshire is a brilliant centre in the country.

Heather Sadler commented that she was heartbroken, that the Secretary had felt the need to step down over a group of member's behaviour towards her and the Committee. It saddened her that the Secretary was unable to sit on the stage for the meeting, Heather said that she was proud of the Committee and wholeheartedly supported them. Heather also commented on that members needed to remember that the Committee are volunteers voted on by the members, they should not be subjected to abuse.

**The Chairman** thanked everyone who had contributed to the meeting.

**The Chairman announced the meeting closed at: 14.45**